

## BANDS INVADE MEXICAN SOIL

Two Cross Over from Texas and Clash with Carranzista Troops

MAY TAKE FIRMER STAND WITH CARRANZA

American Commission Will Urge It Unless First Chief Yields

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 29.—Two parties of filibusters crossed the border into Mexico near this city early Tuesday morning. It became known here yesterday. One of the parties engaged in a running fight with Carranzista soldiers from the Nuevo Laredo garrison, resulting in the wounding of six filibusters and one soldier. The wounded are in the military hospital at Nuevo Laredo.

One of the filibustering parties, numbering about 85 men, is said to have crossed the Rio Grande about 20 miles below Laredo. The other, estimated at 40 men, crossed about 12 miles above the city. They were well mounted and equipped with supplies and ammunition. One American is reported to have been with the larger party of filibusters. The others of both parties were Mexicans living in United States territory.

Two detachments of Carranzista troops, numbering about 200 each, were sent in pursuit early Wednesday. The smaller group was encountered about 20 miles inland and a running fight ensued. An unconfirmed report has been received here that six Carranzista soldiers were killed in a running fight with bandits six miles inland Wednesday night.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Because of conflicting reports of the affair an investigation is under way into the outpost skirmishes early yesterday between Mexican snipers and a patrol of the 3d Kentucky National Guard, during which more than 300 shots were fired across the Rio Grande river by the guard-men after a fusillade of shots from the Mexican side.

The entire city and the militia camps were aroused by the sound of heavy firing shortly before 1 a. m. Regular army officers in the vicinity at the time declare they heard no shots from the Mexican side, while others and officers of the guard on the patrol state that scattered firing continued several minutes from the other bank.

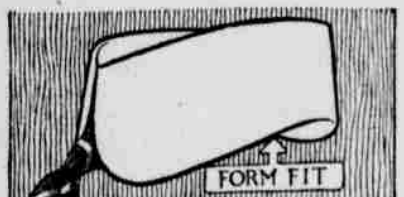
Capt. E. W. Clark, in command of Co. L, 3d Kentucky infantry, on patrol duty above the Union station, stated that the first shots were fired at the patrol under Lieut. Hale. The guardmen dropped to the ground and opened fire at the spot where they saw flashes. Another detachment ran up and joined in the volleys, shooting at the flashes of the Mexicans' rifles.

So far as known there have been no casualties. Residents on the boulevard a mile from the scene of the shooting reported bullet holes in their houses.

### PHYSICIANS RAISE PRICES.

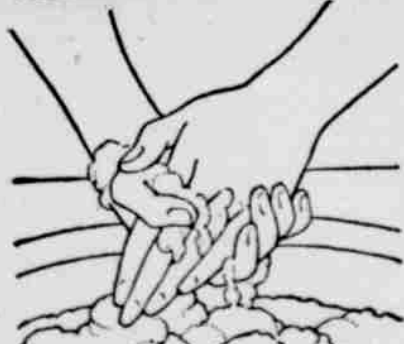
Being Ill in Boston to Be More Expensive After January 1.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The cost of being ill will increase after January 1. The physicians have announced that the price of consultation is to be doubled and that night calls are to be more expensive than day calls. The new schedule follows: Between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., \$3; between 5 p. m. and 8 p. m., \$4; between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m., \$5.



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### STOCK MARKET IS DEPRESSED BY FOREIGN OUTLOOK

Heavy Liquidation Carries Prices Down Sharply, Losses Ranging Up to 14 Points.

New York, Dec. 29.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange broke again yesterday, further heavy liquidation being induced by the international situation, with Mexico as an additional factor. The selling became most active after the publication in Wall Street of what purported to be a second note from the German government, but which in fact was a belated forecast of Germany's note of Tuesday. Some important stocks were within striking distance of last week's lowest levels, and rails yielded more easily than before.

United States Steel broke 3½ points, to 104½. Gulf Steel 14 points, Atlantic Gulf & West Indies 8½. Central Leather 5 and all of the more important industrial, munitions, equipments and issues of no specific character from 3 to 5 points. Mexican Petroleum and other oils were extremely heavy.

The liquidation extended to international bonds, with Anglo-French 5½ at the new low record of 92½. Nominal rallies occurred at midday, but the market continued under extreme depression.

### "PORK" BILLS MENACED BY WILSON VETO

President Wilson Will Not Approve Them as Framed.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The so-called "pork barrel" triplets—public buildings, flood control and rivers and harbors bills, approximately about \$120,000,000—are due for a cold reception if they are left on the White House doorstep, it was learned yesterday.

Owing to the tremendous needs for revenue during the next fiscal year the president and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo are determined, it is asserted, to punge the "pork barrel" measures to the limit. If passed in their present form, it is declared, the president will veto them.

The president himself let it be known that he is opposed to the public buildings bill as it now stands. It is understood that his views on these measures will be explained to Congress in some form if they threaten to tie up other legislation.

### RUMAN OIL WELLS WRECKED.

Wholesale Destruction Carried Out By British Military Mission—German Officer Admits "Terrible Loss."

London, Dec. 29.—Speaking yesterday at a meeting of the Ruman Consolidated Oil Fields corporation, William M. Rutherford, member of Parliament from the West Derby division of Liverpool, said that probably the value of the oil fields destroyed by the allies in the Ruman retreat amounted to \$50,000,000. It was a wholesale destruction, he remarked, carried on by a British military mission acting under the instruction of headquarters. This work, he added, rendered the property and stock utterly useless to the foe. The oil wells of German companies met a similar fate, he said.

The Volks Zeitung of Cologne reproduces the narrative of an officer of the German general staff in regard to the Rumanian campaign, in which it is said the destruction wrought in the Rumanian oil fields was "terrible," surpassing everything of the kind during the war.

### FEELS DEFEAT NEAR

Says Russian Emperor About the German Nation.

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London (per wireless press).—In an order issued to all the units of the Russian army dated Dec. 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers are being gradually removed, with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, says:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrong doings and violations of the moral laws. As in the time of her strength she declared war so now feeling her weakness she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted."

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations, just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war—regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles as well as the creation of a free Poland as well as of her new incomplete tribal districts—has not yet been guaranteed. To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials and the still more sacred memory of those noble sons of Russia who have fallen on the battlefields do not permit of thought of peace until final victory over our enemy. Who dares to think that he who brought about war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes?"

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and had given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says:

"Let us be firm in the certainty of our victory, and the All-Highest will bless our standards and will cover them afresh with our heroic deeds, my glorious troops—a peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

## URGES A TRADE CONGRESS

Hull Says That Peace Treaty Should Provide for One

WANTS NEUTRALS TO WORK FOR ONE

The Federal Reserve Bank Move Is Much Liked Abroad

Washington, Dec. 29.—Representative Hull of Tennessee declared in a statement issued yesterday that neutral nations should exert their influence to secure the adoption in any peace treaty that may be negotiated between the belligerent powers, of a provision for an international trade agreement congress. Mr. Hull announced his intention to introduce a resolution in the House embodying his idea. He believes that such an agreement is vital to the maintenance of peaceful relations between the powers because of the rivalries and bitter economic strife in which retaliation and discrimination have been the chief weapons. "The congress," said Mr. Hull, "would consider all international trade methods, practices and policies which are calculated to create dangerous and destructive commercial controversies or fierce economic wars, and to formulate trade agreements to eliminate and discontinue to the fullest extent possible the dangerous possibilities of such economic warfare and to promote fair and friendly trade relations among all the nations."

NORWICH UNIVERSITY.  
Series of Chapel Talks Has Been Instituted.

Norwich university has instituted a series of chapel talks which amounts to an extra-curriculum course. These were instituted last year shortly after the arrival of the new president, but the matter was not fully systematized until the present college year. The success of the plan has been fully demonstrated. A committee of faculty members has been appointed for the purpose of systematizing the program and for arranging dates for the various speakers.

The arrangements of subjects has been done with the view of acquainting the undergraduates with all forms of college activities, and giving them a clear insight into the inside of an educational institution, as well as the opinions of various members of the instructional force. The plan assumes that in most educational institutions the undergraduate gets nothing but the class-room view of things. He knows little or nothing about the problems confronting the administrative officers or those who do the teaching. It is believed that a better understanding of these things will do much toward improving college spirit and causing the undergraduate to take a deeper personal interest in college matters outside of his own course of study. It also has its educational value, as it gives him a course of lectures covering a wide range of subjects which he otherwise would not secure, and the tendency should be, and no doubt will be, that of giving him a broader education.

Every member of the faculty is on the program, and a number of the subjects have been assigned to distinguished educators, engineers and other professional men not actively connected with the university.

The program for the following year is as follows: (1) Social activities—interfraternity relations, fraternities, the need and purpose of social functions, the college man as a social animal, common social centers, social ethics, dances, indoor games, concerts, drama, cantata, imitation circus; (2) athletics—value of athletics, aiding the athlete, major sports, control, eligibility rules, secondary schedule, boxing bouts, physical training, indoor track, swimming, personal training, management; (3) legal—the college man in a college town, responsibility for class action; (4) finance—the college, the student, fraternities, athletic property, profit earning activities, agent soliciting, newspaper advertising; (5) prospective students—the methods of interesting prospective students, methods of other colleges—results, the kind to get, the reception of the new student; (6) current events—college men in war, the effect of war upon education, present political problems, the college man in politics, activities affecting vocations, interpretation of some phase of the war; (7) entrance requirements—problems offered by different preparations, when is a student properly prepared for college; (8) academic standards—scholarship, high rank in class and future success, relative value of cultural and vocational courses, the object of education, the psychology of study; (9) the student as an alumnus, keeping in touch with the college, duty and obligation of the alumnus, alumni organizations; (10) culture and college man—the true culture, culture as an element of success, college criticized for failure to improve the true culture, the students' responsibility, the military for the civilian.

TAKES MOST OF CARGO SPACE.  
British Government Will Require 85 Per Cent on Its Merchant Ships.

New York, Dec. 29.—Lieutenant Connor Guthrie, representing the British admiralty here, summoned freight managers of the British steamship companies to a conference Wednesday and told them that beginning Jan. 1 the British government would require eight-five per cent of the cargo space on their ships to be reserved for war munitions and the remaining thirty-seven and one-tenth per cent for wheat. During the greater part of this year the British government has reserved sixty per cent of the space on the vessels flying its flag. On Dec. 15 Lieutenant Guthrie called a meeting of the freight managers and informed them that the government would require seventy per cent of the space.



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### General Sporting Notes.

Another one of the old-time star ball players has been given a chance to try his skill at umpiring in the major leagues, this time Kitty Bransfield, former first baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals and Pittsburgh Pirates. He is the second veteran ball player who has been assigned to the umpiring staff in the majors since the close of the playing season, the other man being George Moriarty, who was assigned by Ban Johnson in the American league. Bransfield was star first baseman for the Pirates from 1901 to 1905 and then was traded to Philadelphia, playing there until 1910. He was rated as the best first sacker in the National league in his day.

While so many trained eyes are looking over the bushes for playing strength to help fill out the New York American league team taking a very long slide on the downhill slope. While without any doubt the Yankees have at the present time men enough of championship caliber to be in the foreground in the race next year, it is the desire of the present owners to keep a number of scouts on the trail for something better, and so there will be four regular ivory hunters on the trail of saplings for another season. Joe Kelly is the chief of the scouts, while Gilks and Leidy are capable assistants in the hunting game. Gilks passed on Al Waters, one of the most promising youngsters that has been taken into the American camp in many years. Al is one of the prettiest hitters in the majors to-day and there are few

that are his equal as a catcher. So good was his playing last season that he was given a regular berth after his trial. Through Kelly it was by good luck the club that Frank Gooley was given another trial in the big show, and Farrell another man, who does a little scouting now and then, brought Pitcher George Mogridge to light, thus giving New York one of the best pitching fields of the past decade.

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